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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the telephonic conversation of 02AUG04.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1 and 3-24.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 17 December 2003 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
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6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
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 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.

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7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.
2. Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Nick Bromer on 03AUG04.
3. The application has been amended as follows:

Add new claim 21:

--The vehicle body structure of claim 8, characterized in that the vehicle is constituted by mounting a plurality of running wheels to a box-shaped vehicle body having the crush zones provided ahead of and behind the passenger compartment, and the vehicle rotationally drives the running wheels while being supplied with an electric power, whereby the vehicle can travel along dedicated tracks.--

Add new claim 22:

--The vehicle body structure of any one of claims 15 to 16, characterized in that the vehicle is constituted by mounting a plurality of running wheels to a box-shaped vehicle body having the crush zones provided ahead of and behind the passenger compartment, and the vehicle rotationally drives the running wheels while being supplied with an electric power, whereby the vehicle can travel along dedicated tracks.--

Add new claim 23:

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--The vehicle body structure of any one of claims 18 to 19, characterized in that the vehicle is constituted by mounting a plurality of running wheels to a box-shaped vehicle body having the crush zones provided ahead of and behind the passenger compartment, and the vehicle rotationally drives the running wheels while being supplied with an electric power, whereby the vehicle can travel along dedicated tracks.--

Add new claim 24:

--The vehicle body structure of any one of claims 10 to 13, characterized in that the vehicle is constituted by mounting a plurality of running wheels to a box-shaped vehicle body having the crush zones provided ahead of and behind the passenger compartment, and the vehicle rotationally drives the running wheels while being supplied with an electric power, whereby the vehicle can travel along dedicated tracks.--

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Paul A. Chenevert whose telephone number is 703-305-0837.

The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri (8:30-5:00).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Glenn D. Dayoan can be reached on 703-308-3102. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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